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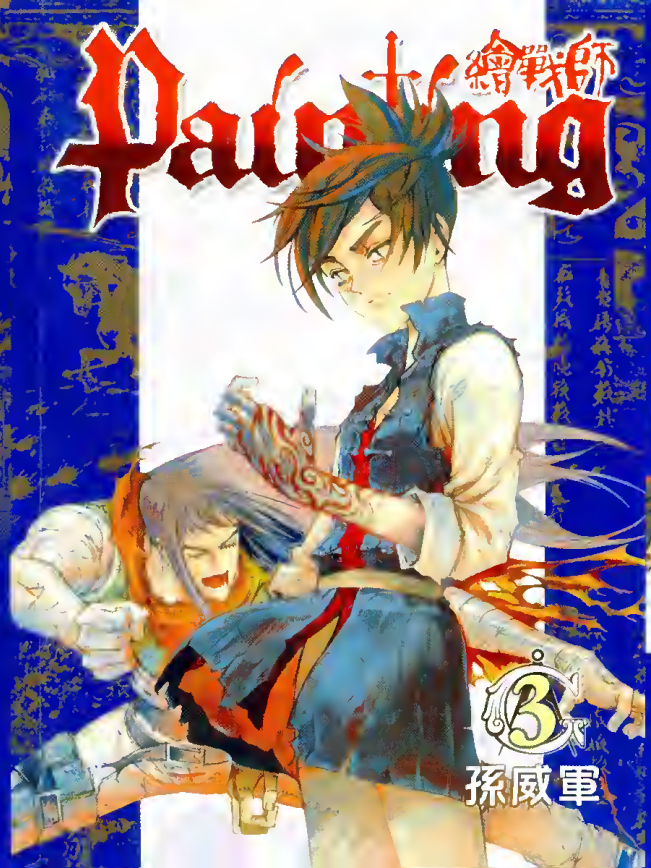

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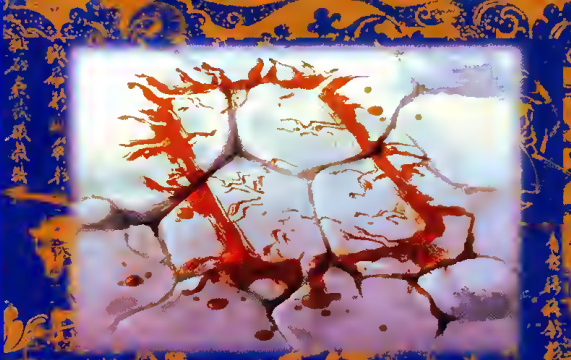

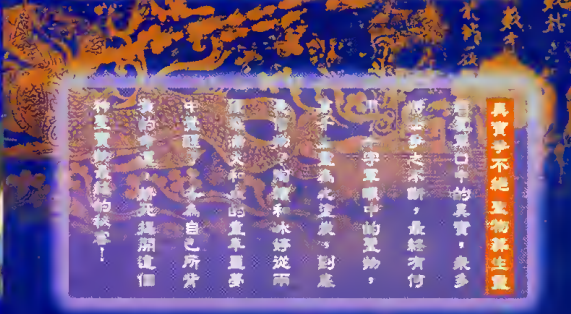

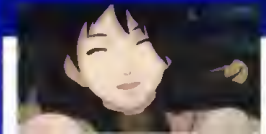

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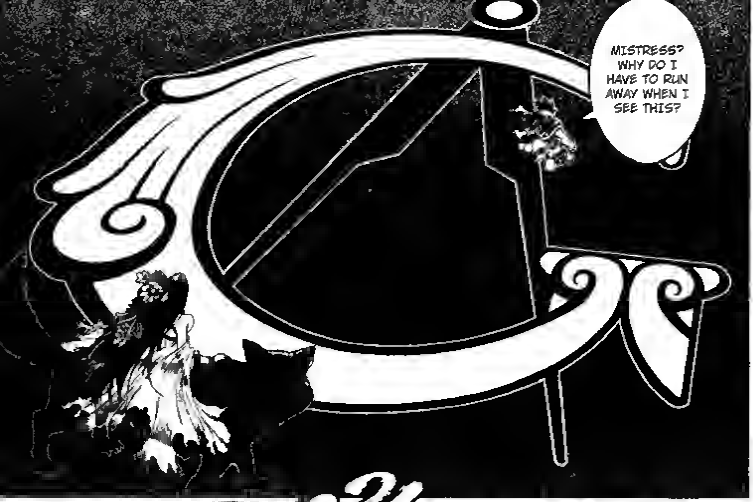
THE STORY SO FAR

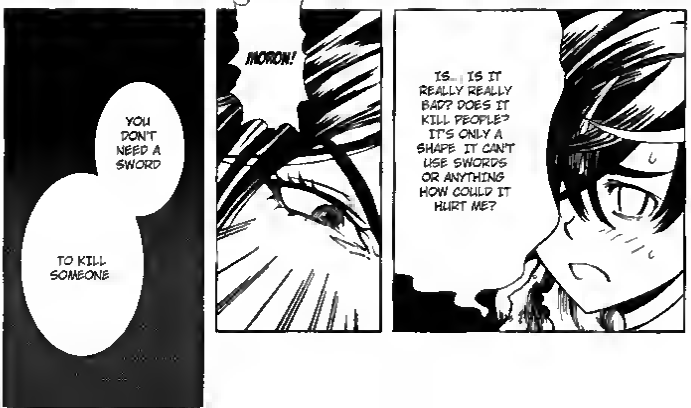
OUTLANDISN MONSTERS ATTACKED THE STATE OF SNA WHILE TRYING TO SAVE HIS FRIEND XIAO HU, TAO HUI WAS MYSTERIOUSLY TRANSPORTED TO THE RELIGIOUS ARMY FROM TNE WEST. CAPTURED BY TNE CRUSADERS WAS ALSO CAPTAIN KEI LIE, WHO HAD BEEN EATEN BY THE MONSTERS PREVIOUSLY.

MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY OF WAR CONSPIRED TO KILL TNE COMMANDER OF THE TANGUT ARMY AND TOOK POWER. EN ROUTE TO THE CAPITAL OF TANGUT WITN THE SACRED ITEM, KEI LIE AND ANTIOCK STRIKED A DEAL TO ATTACK THE TANGUT ARMY.

TNE TANGUT ARMY SUFFERED A CRIPPLING DEFEAT WNEN SUDDENLY, THE SECRETARY OF WAR ACTIVATED THE SACRED ITEM. MEN FROM BOTN SIDES WERE HORRIFYINGLY MURDERED. THE SECRETARY OF WAR WAS CONFIDENT THAT HE WAS THE SOLE WINNER OF THE BATTLE WHEN THE SCHEMING JIA TENG APPEARED AND SEVERED HIS NEAD. AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BATTLEFIELD, TAO HUI, WHO NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING KILLED BY TNE SACRED ITEM, WAS HANGING DANGEROUSLY ON A CLIFF. JUST AS BING TING REACHED OUT FOR HIM, HE SAW A TATTOO ON HER ARM, A TATTOO TNAT WAS DESTINED TO BRING NIM MISERY AND DESPAIR...


MISTRESS? WHY DO I HAVE TO RUN AWAY WHEN I SEE THIS?

YOU IDIOT! DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU? BECAUSE IT'S NOT A SYMBOL OF GOOD!


YOU DON'T NEED A SWORD
TO KILL SOMEONE
MORON!
IS... IS IT REALLY REALLY BAD? DOES IT KILL PEOPLE? IT'S ONLY A SHAPE IT CAN'T USE SWORDS OR ANYTHING HOW COULD IT HURT ME?

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THE HUMAN HEART IS THE MOST FICKLE, AND THE MOST UNFATHOMABLE.
SO, OTHER THAN YOURSELF,
TRUST NOT A SINGLE PERSON IN THIS WORLD.
呼呼呼

COULD I REALLY DO IT?
沙沙沙
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咚

跼 跼 跼 跼 跼
CUTTING TIES WITH ALL OTHERS. LIVING IN TOTAL DESOLATION.

NO FRIENDS.
NO COMPANIONS.
NOT EVEN FAMILY?
NOT EVEN YOU... MISTRESS?

EVERYONE MUST WEAR GLOVES.
ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SACRED ITEM WILL HAVE YOU ENDING UP AB-SORBED AND EATEN.
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, BE DILIGENT.
MAS-TER

MORE THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ARE YOU GUYS STUPID?
I'M SORRY
23
HOW MANY?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM REFUSING TO SERVE ME NONE OF YOU WOULD BE PART OF THE "IRON HAWK"
YOU SHOULD THANK HIM, THOUGH
"IRON HAWK, A SPECIAL FORCE OF THE TANGUT CONSISTING OF HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL SERVING AS IMPERIAL GUARDS.
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2A.
HE HAS 4 BROKEN RIBS. LET HIM REST.

NICE SWORDPLAY NO MERCY JUST LIKE OLD TIMES
RETREAT, ALL OF YOU. YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.
Hah!
Hah!
Hah!
Hah!

OWNING MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE RICHES IN TANGUT.
YEAH. YOUNGEST SON OF THE RICHEST MAN OF TANGUT.
HEY, QILIHADA! ATTACKING THE IRON HAWKS IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, YOU KNOW?
HIS LAST NAME IS QILI-HADA?
WHAT?
ISN'T THAT ...?
THE MERCHANT CLAN?
WASN'T THE ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED 3 YEARS AGO?
HOW IS HE STILL ALIVE...
QILIHADA KEI LIE.

THE MATTER OF THE SACRED ITEM IS A STATE SECRET. SHA IS PIVOTAL FOR OUR BORDER DEFENSE. YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH.
THE REBELLING SECRETARY OF WAR IS DEALT WITH. THE SACRED ITEM IS RECOVERED. WHY ARE YOU STILL AFTER ME?
I MAY BE FAR FROM THE CAPITAL, BUT I'M STILL LOYAL TO THE KING!
UNLIKE YOU GREEDY BASTARDS OF THE JIA FAMILY!
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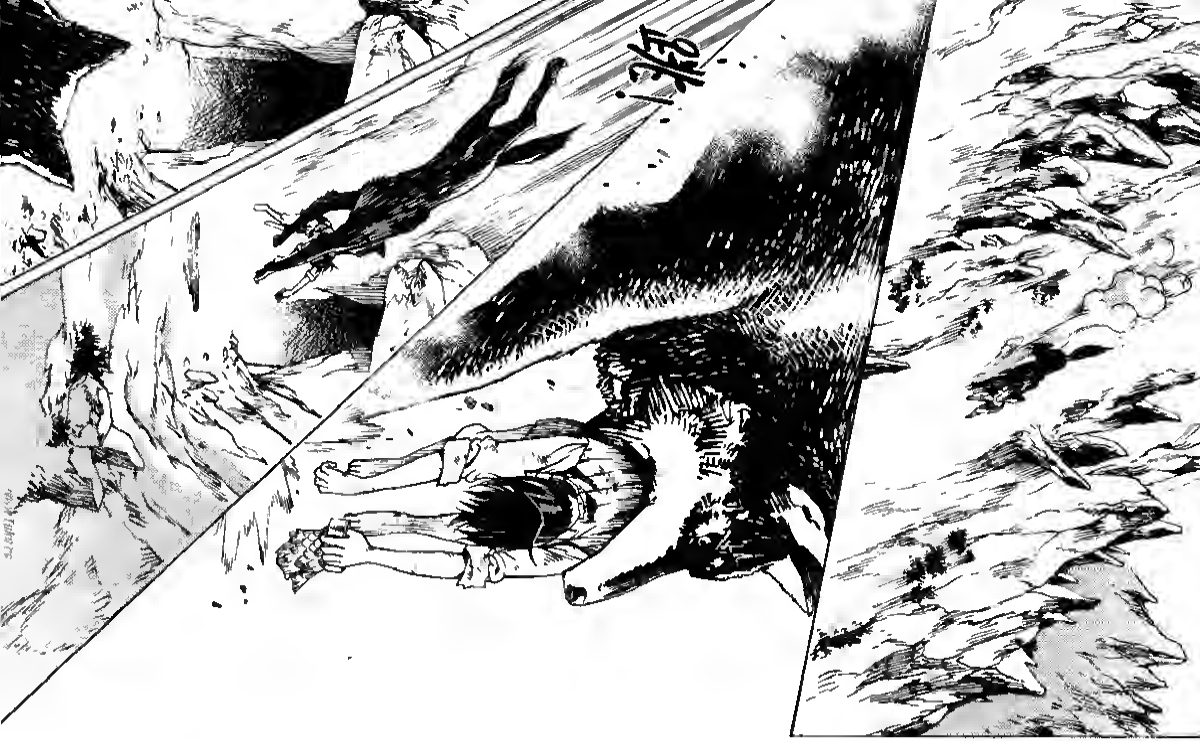
TOO FAST... AND TO SHATTER MY SWORD BARE-HANDED...

I SEE... REINFORCED FIBRE... WHERE, IN THE WORLD...
THE JIA FAMILY DOES EVERYTHING BY ONE TENET
WHAT!
EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR THE KING OF TANGUT
INCLUDING ANNIHILATING YOUR FAMILY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DID IT NOTICE US?
NO, WE'RE UPWIND. IT COULDN'T HAVE SMELLED US. IT WAS PROBABLY JUST INSTINCT.

IT'S ONLY A BEAST. NOTHING WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN HUMANS.
THAT'S GOOD, BUT IT WON'T BE EASY
REPORT TO THE MARQUISE IMMEDIATELY. GATHER ALL THE MEN WE HAVE.

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HANG IN THERE, SIMON!
PACO
I...
SIMON! DON'T DIE ON ME!
LOOK, IT'S BING THING!
WE SAID WE'RE GONNA GO BACK TO JERUSALEM TOGETHER, RIGHT!?

OUR ANGEL IS RIGHT THERE! TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
YAAAaaaaaa
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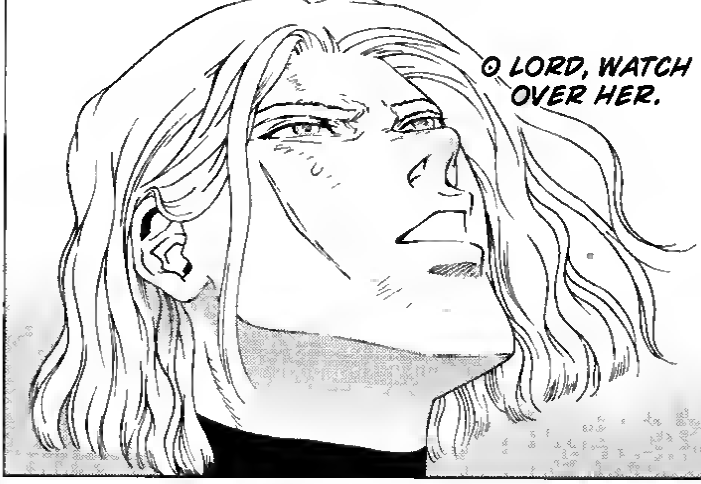
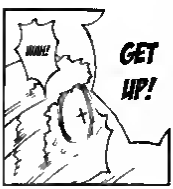

LORD, WATCH OVER HER.


WAKE!
GET UP!

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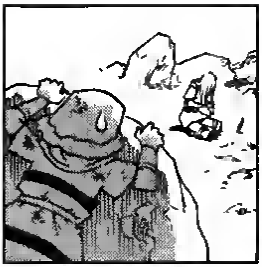
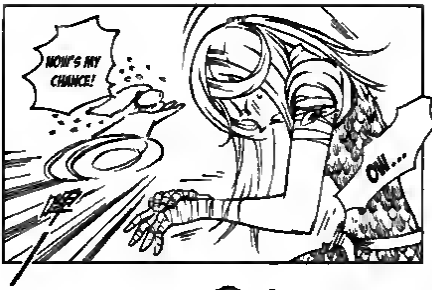
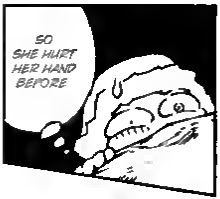
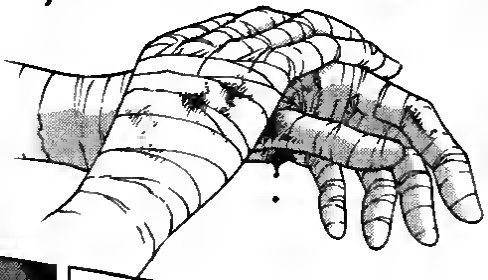
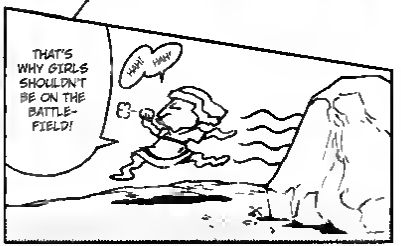
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A WHOLE LOT ABOUT THE SACRED ITEM.
H-HOLY SOCKS? I DON'T LIKE WEARING SOCKS...
TELL ME THE TRUTH!
YOU... YOU KNOW OUR LANGUAGE?
OUCH!
THE HOLY ITEM! THE SACRED TREASURE!




NOW'S MY CHANCE!
OW...


SO SHE HURT HER HAND BEFORE




THAT'S WHY GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
HAH! HAH!

IT BUILDS CHARAC-TER, AND IT

SHE SHOULD LEARN FROM ME AND FOCUS ON PAINT-ING OR SOME-THING

ME... I'M AN EASY-GOING GUY
SWORDS AND WARS AREN'T THE SOLUTION TO EVERY-THING.
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE... THAT.
I CAN TELL YOU ANYTHING.

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CLICK. CLICK. CLICK.
?
EEEEEEK!
!
MY RIGHT HAND IS HEALED

YOU...
...MORON!
M-MIS-TRESS ...?
?
?
?
?
?

HMPH! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THESE YEARS?
NO, MIN! MISTRESS, PLEASE TELL HER TO STOP!
AFTER YOU DIS-APPEARED, I WAS DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY AS A WAR PAINTER...

LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THESE YEARS?
NOTHING
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.
THE NERVE!

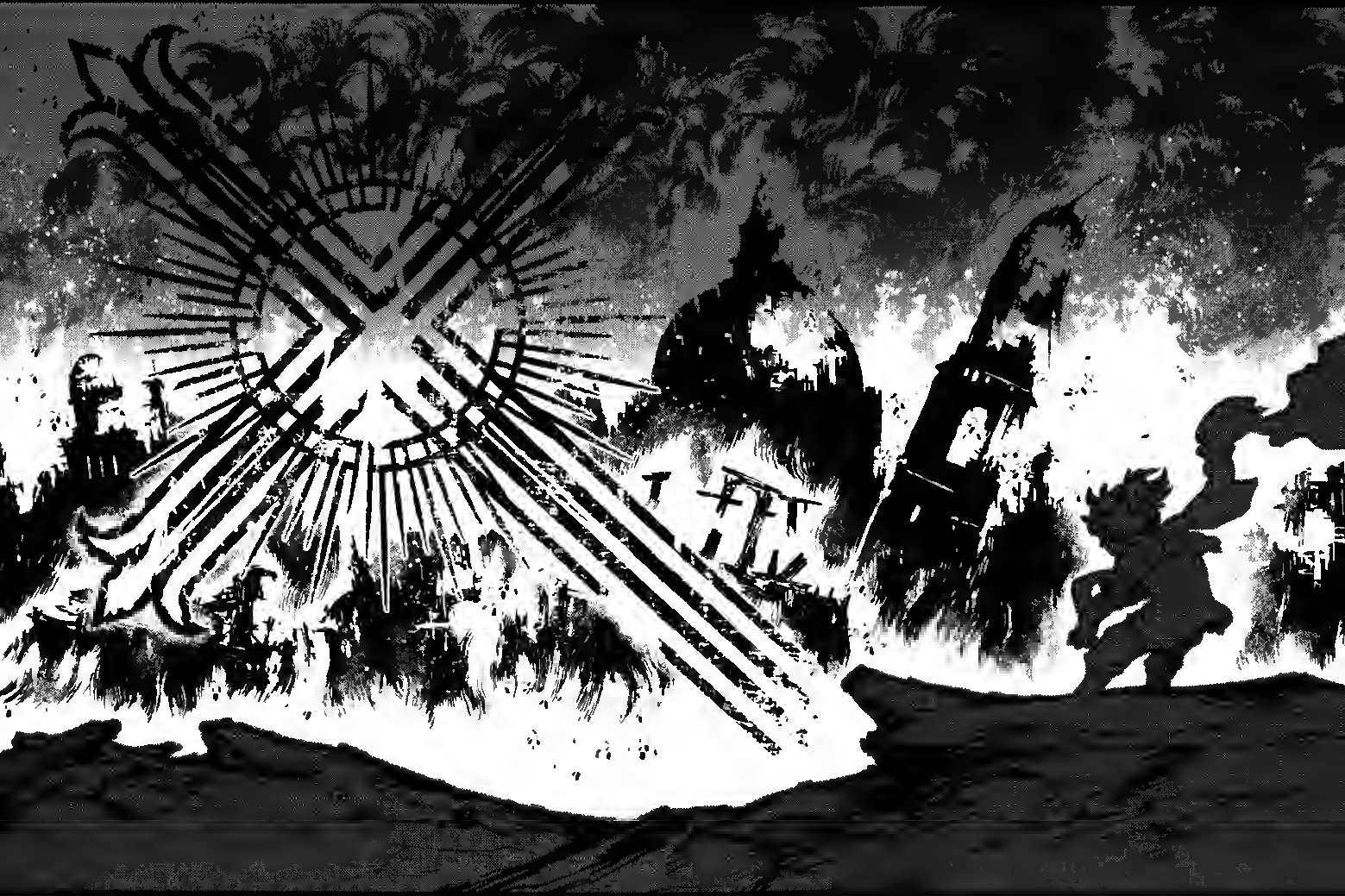
SHAME-LESS!
RUNNING AROUND AS A USE-LESS WAR PAINTER! MOPING ABOUT WITHOUT A PUR-POSE!
SOME NAME YOU'VE GOT, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
"THE UNTOUCHABLE WAR PAINTER"? WHAT DOES THAT SAY OTHER THAN YOUR EXCELLENT ABILITY TO RUN FOR YOUR LIFE?
DAMN COWARD!
SURE SUITS YOU, DOESN'T IT?
YEAH.

I'M JUST A LIVING CORPSE I GO THROUGH LIFE ONE DAY AT A TIME I HAVE NO AMBITIONS AND NO GOALS IN LIFE ALL I ASK IS ENOUGH FOOD TO FILL MY STOMACH AND A ROOF OVER MY HEAD
TO YOU I'M A USELESS BUM BUT THIS IS THE KIND OF LIFE I WANT
THIS IS MY ULTIMATE GOAL TO LIVE AN EASY LIFE
SHUT UP!
DID YOU EVER THINK A PERSON WITH A LEFT HAND LIKE YOURS WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE A SIMPLE LIFE?
ANYONE CAN WISH FOR AN EASY LIFE. BUT NOT YOU!

YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE. RUNNING AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE TRYING TO CAPTURE YOU, AND RUNNING AWAY FROM YOUR HAND...
BUT THE MORE YOU RUN AWAY, THE MORE FATE PLAYS WITH YOU. THE UNREST TODAY WAS POINTED DIRECTLY TOWARDS YOU.
AND...
THAT IS YOUR DESTINY. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE IT, EVEN IF YOU CUT IT CLEAN OFF!

I WAS ONLY 5 THEN...
IT'S NOT LIKE I NEVER TRIED.
I KNEW WHAT I WAS FACING...

I WAS BRAVE ONCE, TOO...
I KNEW THAT IF I KEPT GOING LIKE THAT I'D DEFINITELY
I ONLY HAVE TWO CHOICES EITHER I ACCEPT AND GO WITH IT OR I CHANGE EVERYTHING!
BUT...
...BECAUSE OF MY ENDEAVOUR...



I CHANGED THE FATES OF A GREAT MANY PEOPLE... YET MY OWN REMAINED UNCHANGED. I CAN'T HAVE THAT... HAP-PENING AGAIN...

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ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY?
THIS ONE IS PURE SILVER! I'M SO GETTING RICH.
SO EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS ONE OF THESE
THEY ALL WENT TO GOD
THEY NO LONGER NEED THEM.
I'LL BURN YOU LOTS OF PAPER MONEY. REST IN PEACE
GOD? CAN YOU SEE HIM?

YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU? THE LIGHT THAT DOOR EMITTED LAST TIME IS MORE DEADLY THAN THE THING THAT KILLED OUR SECRETARY OF WAR!
YOU'RE A WAR PAINTER TOO?
WHAT WORDS?
THOSE WORDS
THE SCRIPT ON THE SACRED ITEM. HAVE YOU SEEN THEM ELSEWHERE?
THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW
THAT'S ALL YOU KNOW?
THERE ARE SCRIPTS ON THE SACRED ITEM? I DIDN'T SEE
THOSE WORDS... THEY'RE CLEARLY ...

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIM. HE'LL SURVIVE PROBABLY
WHO KNOWS WHERE HE RAN OFF TO?
WHAT-EVER.
OH YEAH, WHERE'S TAO HUI?

DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE TAO HUI AND I?
WE ARE THE WAR PAINTERS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF COUNTLESS BATTLES, UN-SCRATCHED!
THEY CALL US "THE UNDEAD TWINS"!
WHAT'S WITH THE BACK GROUND...

EVEN THE "UNDEAD" WILL DIE ONE DAY!
啪
?
?

I'M FINALLY MEETING AN ALLY! I'M... FROM THE 3RD DIVISION. WHICH ONE DO YOU BELONG TO?
EH? YOUR CLOTHES ... I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE ...
GOOD, YOU CAUGHT THE FOREIGNER GIRL!
哇呼
NO-ONE IS ALIVE OTHER THAN THE IRON HAWKS
WH-WHAT?
THIS WAY OF DRESSING...
BROTHER..

NINE YEARS AGO (AD 1097), FRANCE
DID YOU HEAR? THERE WAS A BIG FIRE OVER AT THE BELFE MANSION LAST NIGHT
THE BELFE MANSION? THE FAMILY WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE ROMAN CURIA?
IT WAS PUT OUT REALLY FAST THOUGH

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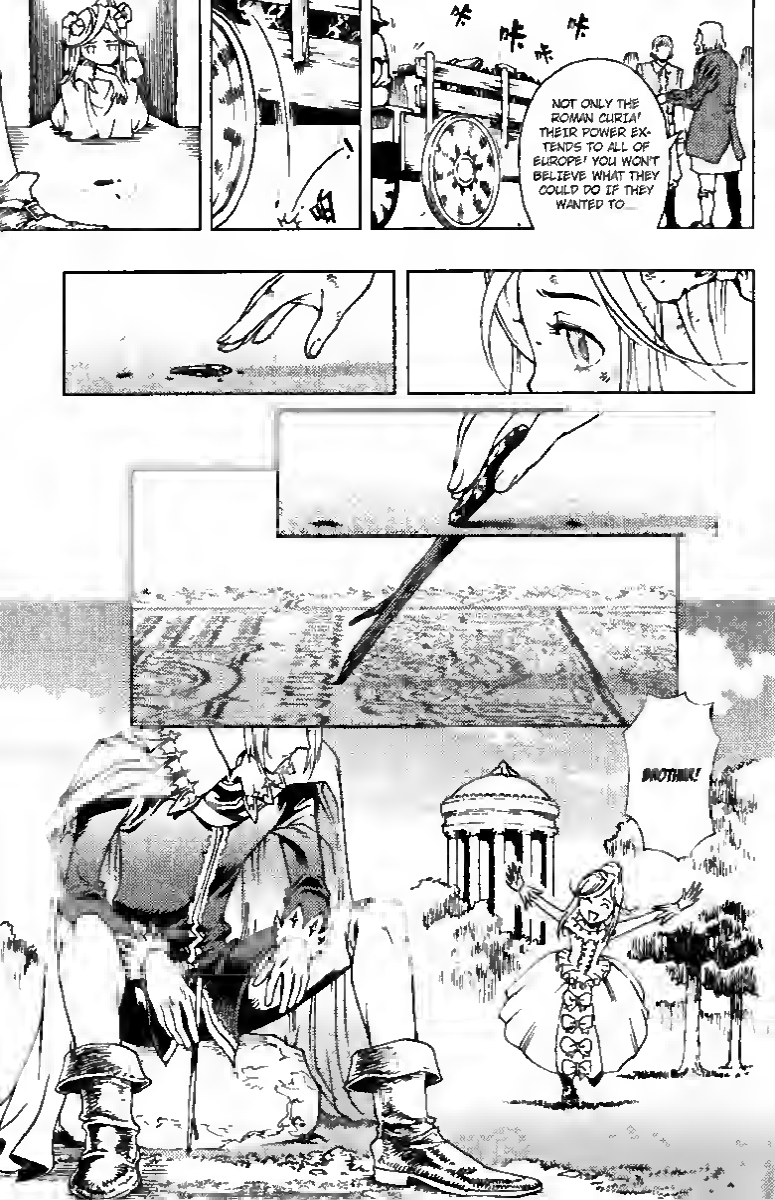

NOT ONLY THE ROMAN CURIA! THEIR POWER EXTENDS TO ALL OF EUROPE! YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT THEY COULD DO IF THEY WANTED TO...
BROTHER!

BROTHER! WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING?
No ·rus·· or
IT'S SO HARD
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN BROTHER?
FATHER ASKED ME TO ETCH THAT LINE IN MY HEART WHEN I WAS ABOUT AS OLD AS YOU ARE NOW, MY GOOD SISTER
THIS IS OUR FAMILY MOTTO. LET ME TEACH YOU.

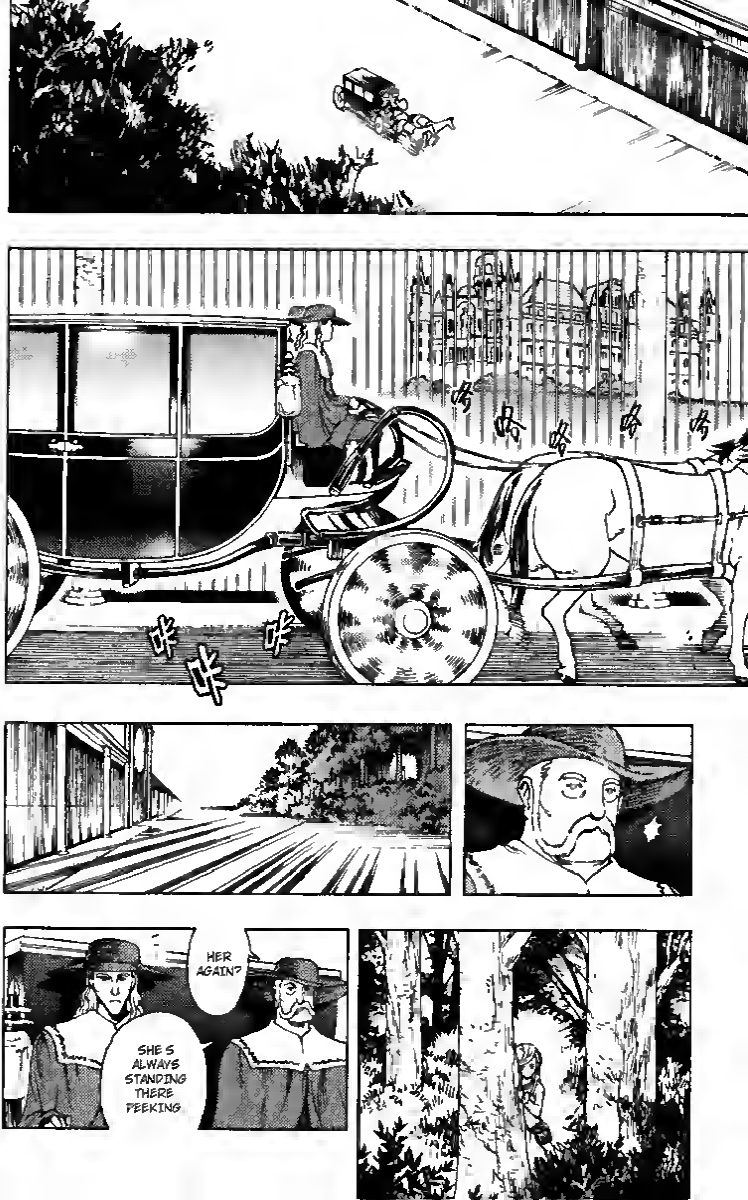
THIS GIRL EMITS A ROYAL AURA. IF SHE WEREN'T SO DIRTY, I WOULD EVEN BELIEVE SHE WAS NOBILITY!
HOW BEAUTIFUL
IS SHE FROM THE CHURCH?
CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH RABBLE CAN DRAW SOMETHING SO POWERFUL!
BUT HOW COULD A NOBLE BE ON HER KNEES DRAWING?
I SAY SHE'S AN ANGEL SENT HERE BY WORD OF GOD!

BRATS! THIS MONEY IS FOR THAT YOUNG LADY. SCRAM!
BAM
BAM
BAM
IT'S MONEY!
DAMN!
I WAS SO SILLY... TO HAVE HATED DRAWING BEFORE...
I CAN MAKE MONEY THIS WAY... THAT'S GREAT, I'LL NEVER STARVE AGAIN!
...
TOM

THESE MEN... ARE BEING BURNED BY FIRES OF HELL?
THEY DRESS ODDLY.

碰!啪啪
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE GOTTEN THE HOLY CITY JERUSALEM BACK FROM THE INFIDELS,

THEY HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ASSAULTING OUR FRONTIER IN THE PAST 6 YEARS!
BRAVE MEN! PROTECT THE HOLY LAND OF GOD!
FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, BROTHERS...
WE MUST UNITE! WE MUST FIGHT!
YOU CAN ALSO RECORD OUR GLORIOUS BATTLES FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO SEE!
HE DOESN'T NEED ME...
ACTING ON BEHALF OF GOD... GOD LEFT ME LONG AGO. HE NO LONGER PROTECTS ME OR MY FAMILY
LET'S MARCH EAST!
BECOME A WAR ILLUSTRATOR FOR THE CRUSADE!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HER AGAIN?
SHE'S ALWAYS STANDING THERE PEEKING

FORGET ABOUT HER JUST SOME TRAMP HOPING TO GET A GLIMPSE OF NOBILITY
WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT GUEST TODAY
MAKE SURE NOTHING GOES WRONG.
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咬
I- I FINALLY SAW IT!

I'VE BEEN SPYING OUTSIDE OF THESE GATES FOR SO LONG!
I BELIEVED ...
I WANTED TO...
...THAT ONE DAY, THOSE DEMONS WOULD COME AGAIN!

IT'S HIM!

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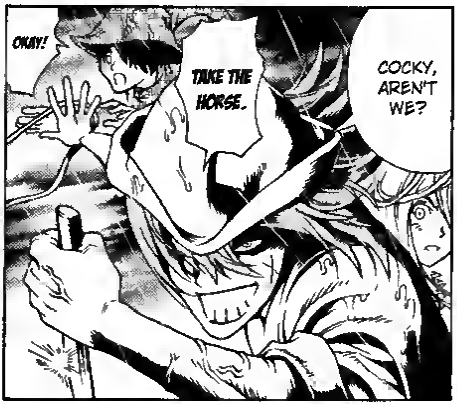
咔咔咔咔

HEY, BING TING! THE GUY YOU WANTED IS IN THAT COACH, YEAH?

WE'LL GRANT YOUR WISH TONIGHT!
GET HIM, AND YOU CAN HAVE ALL MY MONEY!
NO WORRIES. IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, WE WOULD'VE DIED ON THE STREETS LONG AGO.
B-BROTHER, THEY HAVE TWO HORSES WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE—
IDIOT. HE'S ON A COACH AND EVERYTHING. LOTS OF FANCY STUFF. THEY'RE HEAVY AS SHIT.
OURS IS A LOT LIGHTER.
AND GETTING LIGHTER BY THE MINUTE
SIDES WE'VE GOT A SECRET WEAPON

LOOK! WE'RE AS GOOD AS 10 HORSES COMBINED!
STAR
STAR
STAR
GOING ON 12 HORSES
THIS ROAD GOES TO THE DOCK. THEY'RE LEAVING BY BOAT.
CATCH UP TO THEM BEFORE THEY GET ON THE BOAT!
WOW, BROTHER! WE ACTUALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THEM!
OF COURSE. HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?
THE COACH IS EMPTY! IT'S A DECOY!
NO IT AIN'T. LOOK.

LET'S GO, BROTHERS!


OKAY!
TAKE THE HORSE.
COCKY, AREN'T WE?

BAD MOVE, BRO! DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US!

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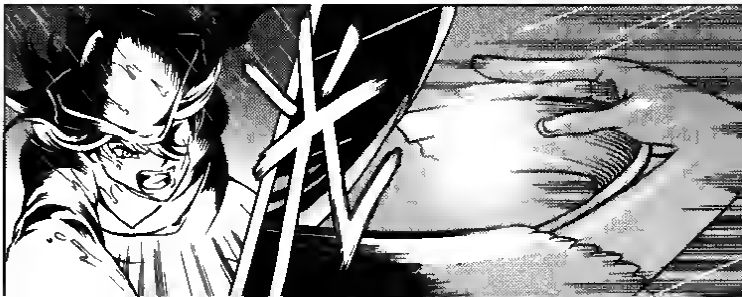
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THE HEAD IS GONE

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HAH!
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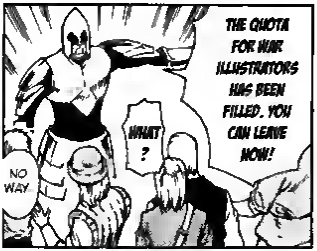
IF I DIDN'T ASK THEM TO CHASE THAT MAN
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DIED
THEY'RE DEAD...
IT WAS MY OWN PROBLEM. THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT...
IF I...
I NEVER WOULD'VE DREAMED TO KILL HIM...
IF I'D KNOWN HE WAS SO STRONG...
BROTHER SAID IT ALL THE TIME RIGHT?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, WE WOULD'VE DIED IN THE STREETS LONG AGO!
REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU BROUGHT BREAD FOR US?

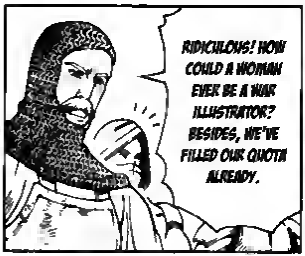
THE FOUR OF US WERE MOVED TO TEARS BY YOUR SMILE
YOUR SMILE WAS BRIGHT LIKE AN ANGEL'S.
WE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO SEE OUR ANGEL SMILE!
WE DECIDED THAT YOU WERE OUR ANGEL FROM THEN ON
TO DIE FOR OUR ANGEL IS AN HONOUR

THEY MUST BE IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW, THANKING GOD FOR HIS PLAN.
FOR SENDING YOU TO US, FOR SHOWING US THE LIGHT AT THE LOWEST POINTS OF OUR LIVES.
MY SMILE... CAN DO THAT...?

I'VE ASKED AROUND, BING TING THE MAN LEFT BY BOAT YESTERDAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S HEADED, BUT HE'S FROM THE EAST, FOR SURE.
THE EAST?

THANKS TO YOU, GENERAL. WE HAD MANY APPLICANTS
PRAISE TO THE LORD!
YES, PRAISE TO THE LORD.


THE QUOTA FOR WAR ILLUSTRATORS HAS BEEN FILLED. YOU CAN LEAVE NOW!
WHAT?
NO WAY.


RIDICULOUS! HOW COULD A WOMAN EVER BE A WAR ILLUSTRATOR? BESIDES, WE'VE FILLED OUR QUOTA ALREADY.

I-I WANT TO BE A WAR ILLUSTRATOR!
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HOLD ON.
GEN-ERAL!
GET THAT CRAZY WOMAN!
MEN,
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I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE HIM AS A WAR ILLUSTRATOR FOR GOD OUR FATHER.
TRAVELLING, THROUGH BARREN LAND, TO THE EAST.
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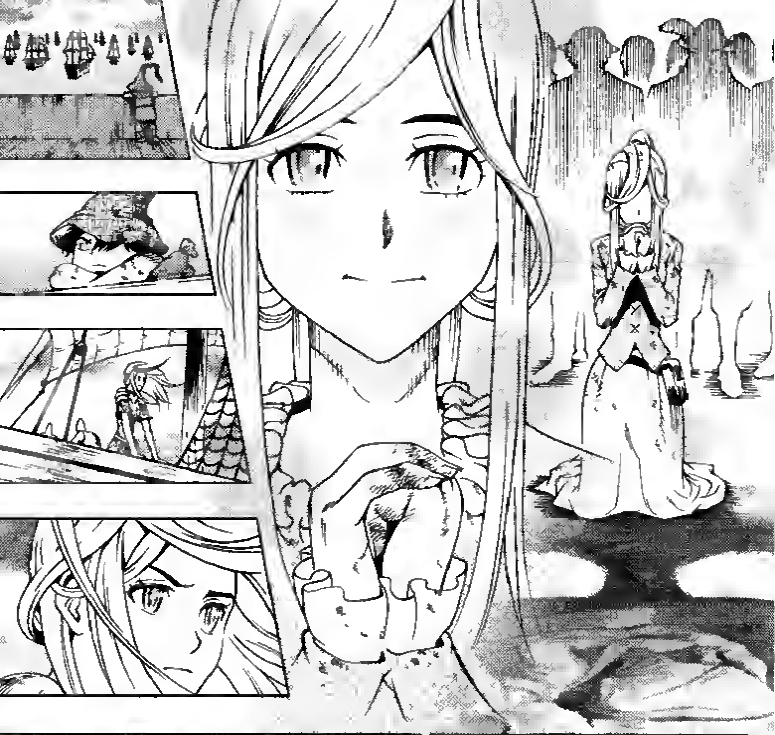
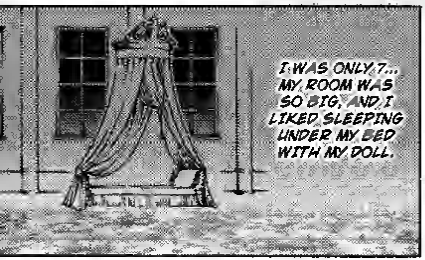
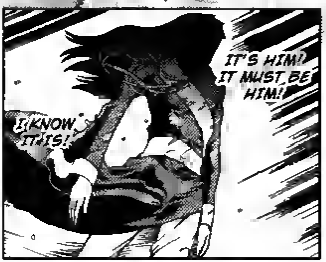
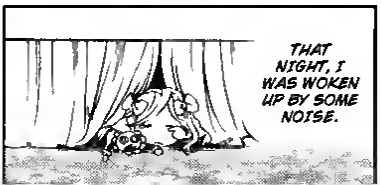
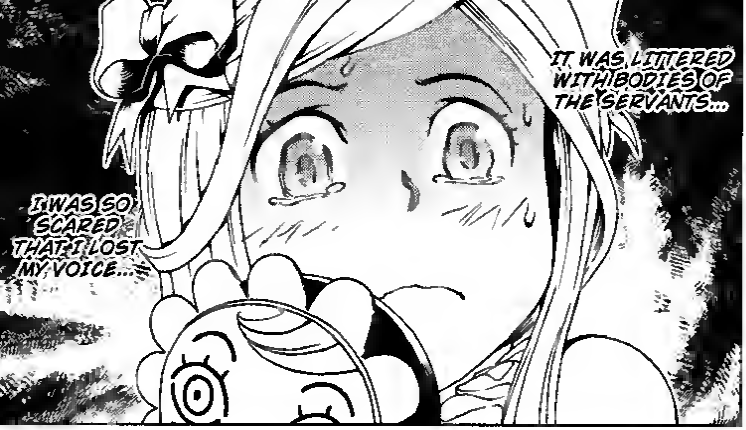


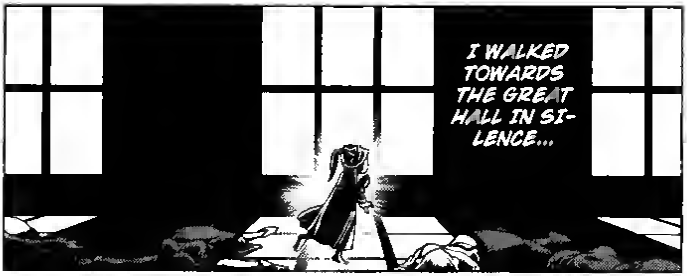

I WAS ONLY 7... MY ROOM WAS SO BIG, AND I LIKED SLEEPING UNDER MY BED WITH MY DOLL.


IT'S HIM! IT MUST BE HIM!
I KNOW IT IS!

WHEN I ENTERED THE HALL...


THAT NIGHT, I WAS WOKEN UP BY SOME NOISE.

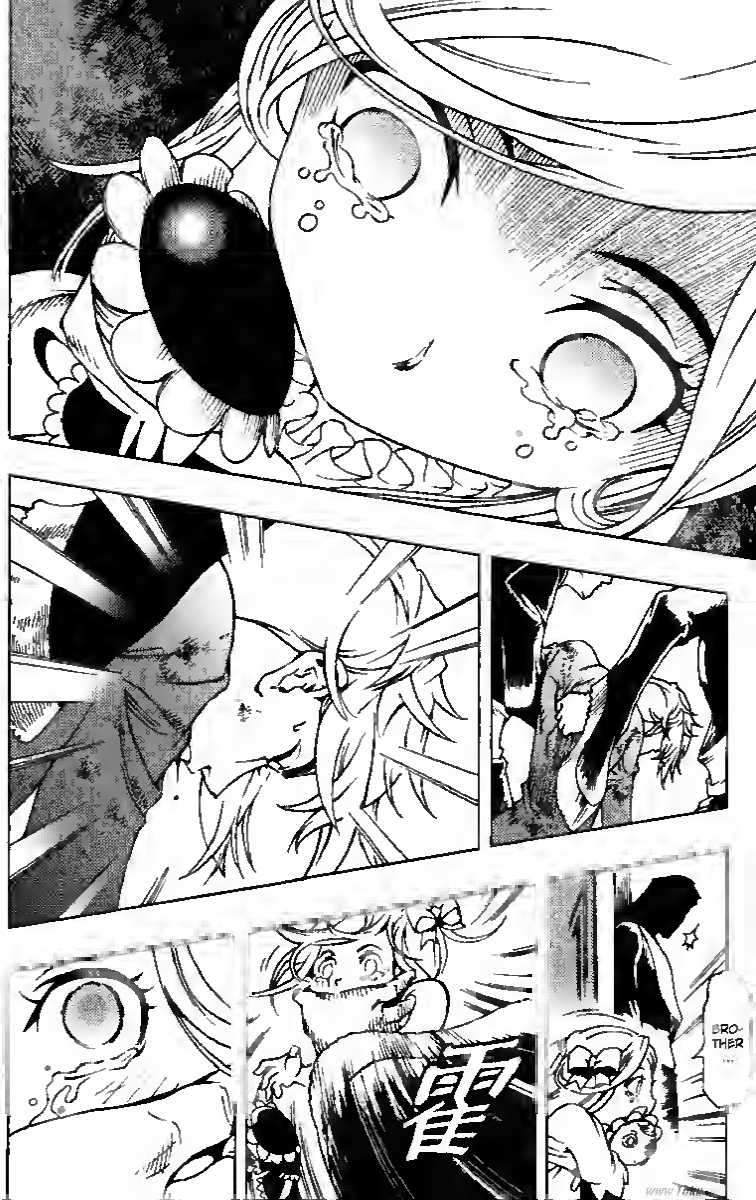

IT WAS LITTERED WITH BODIES OF THE SERVANTS...
I WAS SO SCARED THAT I LOST MY VOICE...


I WALKED TOWARDS THE GREAT HALL IN SI-LENCE...

I WALKED TOWARDS IT, WANTING TO GET HELP FROM BROTHER...

THAT WE WERE RECEIVING THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN THE GREAT HALL TODAY.

I REMEMBERED THAT BROTHER HAD TOLD ME THAT DAY.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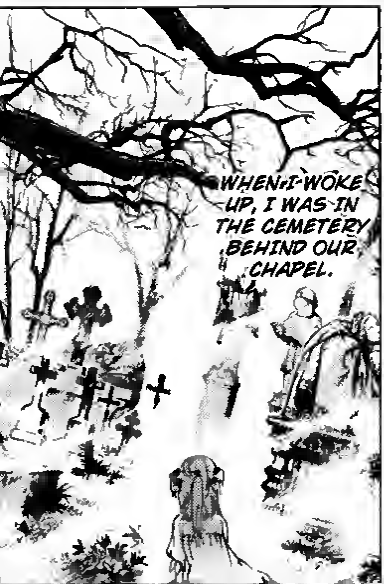
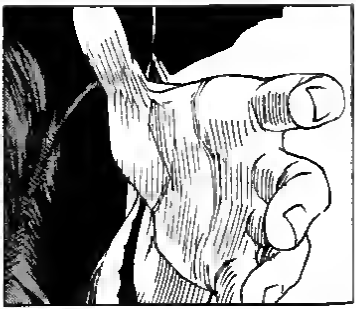
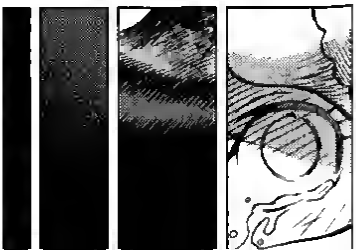
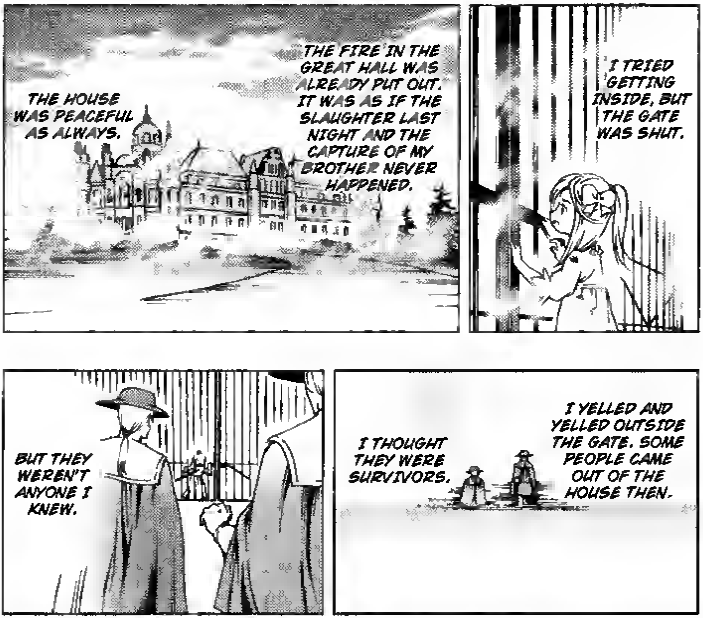

WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS IN THE CEMETERY BEHIND OUR CHAPEL.






THE HOUSE WAS PEACEFUL AS ALWAYS.
THE FIRE IN THE GREAT HALL WAS ALREADY PUT OUT. IT WAS AS IF THE SLAUGHTER LAST NIGHT AND THE CAPTURE OF MY BROTHER NEVER HAPPENED.
I TRIED GETTING INSIDE, BUT THE GATE WAS SHUT.
BUT THEY WEREN'T ANYONE I KNEW.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE SURVIVORS.
I YELLED AND YELLED OUTSIDE THE GATE. SOME PEOPLE CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE THEN.
AND SO, A NOBLE GIRL, BORN IN THE RICHES AND RAISED WITH WEALTH, WAS REDUCED TO BEING A BEGGAR OVERNIGHT. WAS THIS GOD'S WILL?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE BELFE FAMILY CONTROLLED THE ECONOMY OF ALL OF EUROPE, YET IT WAS OBLITERATED OVERNIGHT BY SOME MYSTERIOUS POWER. WAS THE DEVIL ENVIOUS OF OUR WEALTH?

ON THE BATTLE-FIELD, MEN RISKED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT ME. COUNTLESS HAVE DIED FOR ME.
I LEARNED TO USE IT TO MY AD-VANTAGE.
THANK-FULLY, I HAD THE SMILE OF AN ANGEL!
I BELIEVED THAT MY BROTHER WAS ALIVE. THAT HE WAS ONLY ABDUCTED TO THE LAND OF THE FAR EAST.
I THOUGHT I COULD FOLLOW THE CRUSADE TO JERUSALEM, AND THEN TRAVEL FAR-THER EAST STILL SOME-HOW.
EVERY-WHERE'S THE SAME ...
BUT DURING MY STAY IN THE HOLY CITY, I SAW THE CRUSADERS USING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN, KILLING FOR SPORT, ROBBING OTHERS OF THEIR LAND AND POSSESSIONS.
MARQUISE ANTIOCH WAS DISPATCHED EAST IN SEARCH FOR THE LOST HOLY ITEM.
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO CHANGE THE SITUATION. I COULDN'T LEAVE THE ARMY TO GO FURTHER EAST. UNTIL...

AND NOW I'VE MET THOSE DEMONS AGAIN. IN OTHER WORDS, I'VE GOTTEN CLOSER TO MY BROTHER!
ARE YOU SCARED RE-TARDED? THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO SMILE!
?

IT'S AN ENEMY FLARE. THEY MUST BE TRYING TO GATHER ALL THEIR MEN FOR ONE MORE ATTACK.
THE MARQUISE IS ALRIGHT!
RETREAT! PROTECT THE HOLY ITEM!
OW! BE GENTLE!
THAT IDIOT ISN'T ALL USELESS, AFTER ALL
HERLE'S FOUND HER.
COME ON, THIS WAY!
MAR-QUISE!

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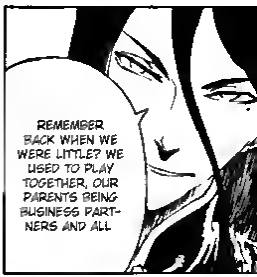
DIE!

DEMON, BEGONE!

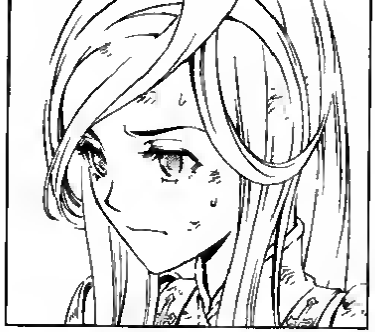
YOU'VE GOTTEN EVEN STRONGER WITH YOUR BRUTE FORCE ...

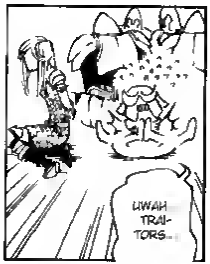
YOU'VE HAD YOUR HEART SET ON THE MARTIAL ARTS SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE. EVEN THE BIGGER KIDS WERE NO MATCH FOR YOU.


REMEMBER BACK WHEN WE WERE LITTLE? WE USED TO PLAY TOGETHER, OUR PARENTS BEING BUSINESS PARTNERS AND ALL

WHO KNEW YOU'D BE DEFEATED BY ME, THE WEAKEST OF US ALL?

MASTER, YOUR SHOULDER.
HE'S ONLY UNCONSCIOUS.
THIS MAN IS BRUTALLY STRONG TIE HIM UP WITH THE ROPE WE USE TO TIE ELEPHANTS.
I LIKE BEING WOUNDED
EVERY SCAR IS A REMINDER THAT I AM ONLY MORTAL
MASTER, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE MEN WE CAPTURED?
YOU NEED TO ASK?
I'M SORRY I UNDERSTAND
KILL THEM ALL!
WHA... WHA... YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!? WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!!
LOOK AT ME, DAMMIT! I'M A TANGIT!

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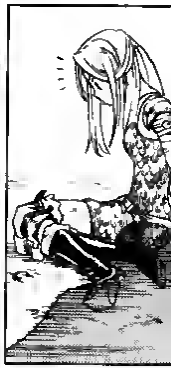

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I KNOW YOU.

MY LEFT HAND WILL ONLY BRING MISERY TO EVERY-ONE AROUND ME... NO MATTER WHAT OR HOW HARD I TRY, IN THE END IT WILL ALWAYS BE A TRAGEDY...

WHAT KID DOESN'T GROW UP BY FALLING DOWN OVER AND OVER AGAIN? YOU WANT TO GROW TO MATURITY IN ONE STEP!?
WAKE THE FUCK UP!
BUT MY FALLING DOWN RESULTS IN INNOCENT PEOPLE DYING...
BUT YOU USED IT FOR GOOD CAUSE IN SHU, DIDN'T YOU? THE MONSTERS YOU KILLED WITH IT? THE BLACK FEATHERS JUST NOW!?
WHAT'S PAST IS PAST. YOUR LEFT HAND HAS WROUGHT HAVOC
OF COURSE I DID! AND I KNOW MORE!
YOU KNEW?

A FIRE CAN BURN THINGS TO ASHES. BUT IT CAN ALSO BRING WARMTH.
I'M NOT ASKING ANY-THING OF YOU. I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO REPEAT YOUR MISTAKES.
NOT TO MENTION THAT YOUR LEFT HAND HAS BEEN EX-POSED. THOSE MEN AFTER THE HOLY ITEM ARE ALSO AFTER YOU!
YOU CAN CONTROL IT.
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IT... SPOKE ...
THE HOLY ITEM? IT CAN SPEAK?
THE FIRST TIME WAS IN SHA...
HERE IT IS AGAIN...!
IT'S THE VOICE OF THE HOLY ITEM?
IT'S CRYING
ANN!
WE CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING
SO... IT'S NOT "SOUND"
RESPOND TO IT!
RESPOND? HOW?
WITH YOUR HEART!
THE HOLY ITEM MUST BE RELATED TO YOU SOMEHOW, AND THAT'S HOW ITS VOICE COULD REACH YOU. YOU CAN PROBABLY COMMUNICATE WITH IT WITH YOUR HEART.
COMMUNICATE WITH MY HEART

ARE YOU CALLING FOR ME?
CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
BUT I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU MEANT FOR THIS,

THANK GOODNESS, YOU'VE FINALLY RESPONDED!

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOREVER~~

YOU ARE THE HOLY ITEM?
HOLY ITEM? WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?

DO I KNOW YOU?
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT US?

THAT'S MEAN! YOU STUPID YELLOW DANDELION!

MIS-
TRESS,
I WON'T LET THE PAST HAPPEN AGAIN.

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I KNOW YOU!
HOW...
NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR SOME BLONDE CHICK SPEAK MY LANGUAGE.
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IT'S BECAUSE YOU KILLED ALL MY FAMILY!
NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D ENLIST IN THE CRUSADE, EITHER
THOSE IDIOTS WERE YOUR FAMILY?
DON'T INSULT THEM!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT? YOU CAN'T EVEN HELP YOURSELF RIGHT NOW.
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HOW CAN... IT BE...
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THE STONE GOD OF THE SACRED ITEM SUDDENLY AWAKENED!
哇哇哇...
THAT GUY BIT MY HORSE BEFORE!
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THE ONE OVER HERE IS ALSO ...
GOOD JOB, STONE GOD! BITE THEM ALL TO DEATH!
MAS-TER

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IF THEY DON'T DIE THEN I WILL, SO DON'T SHOW THEM ANY MERCY!
IT'S YOU!

I'M NOT DEAD!
WON-DERFUL!
I'M STILL NOT DEAD!

YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SCRIPT?
"WHEN YOU BECOME ONE WITH THE SACRED ITEM, YOU WILL LIVE EVEN IF YOUR HEAD IS CUT OFF." I'M SURE YOU'VE READ THAT IN THE SCRIPT AS WELL
!
RIGHT NOW I'M CONNECTED TO THE SACRED ITEM. IF I DIE, I CAN'T SAY WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE SACRED ITEM!
QUIET IT DOWN. OTHERWISE YOUR HEAD WILL BE GONE, TOO.
OW!
YOU'LL HAVE MUCH MORE TROUBLE THAN JUST THAT
NICE TRY. IF I RESURRECT YOU, I'LL BE IN FOR SOME DEEP TROUBLE
HOWEVER, IF YOU LET MY HEAD RE-CONNECT WITH MY BODY, I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO CALM IT DOWN

OR RATHER, THE FAMOUS ROMAN YOUTH WITH THE DEVIL'S LEFT HAND?
MY, MY WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT I'D MEET THE MOST FAMOUS WAR PAINTER IN ALL OF TANGUT...
THE SACRED ITEM DOESN'T BELONG TO ANYONE I WILL NOT LET YOU LEAVE WITH IT.
HIM AGAIN!? HE'S STILL NOT DEAD? WHAT ROMAN YOUTH?
OH?
AND DON'T YOU LOOK SERIOUS.
YES
I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS SERIOUS FOR YEARS

YAAAHHHH

THE ENEMY ARE HERE!
IT'S AN AMBUSH!
YOU SHOULD THANK THEM PROPERLY WHEN YOU SEE THEM AGAIN IN HELL!
THEY'D SACRIFICE THEMSELVES TO SAVE YOU
LOOKS LIKE THEY REALLY LIKE YOU

HOT HOT HOT
WHAT WHAT WHAT
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OH, IT'S HOT!
HELP ME!
THANK YOU, PACO
PRAISE THE LORD, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
BING TING!

HE S NOT AN ENEMY. SAVE HIM.
YES!
THE MINION OF CHIBUDO KIMITA IS TRYING TO ESCAPE!
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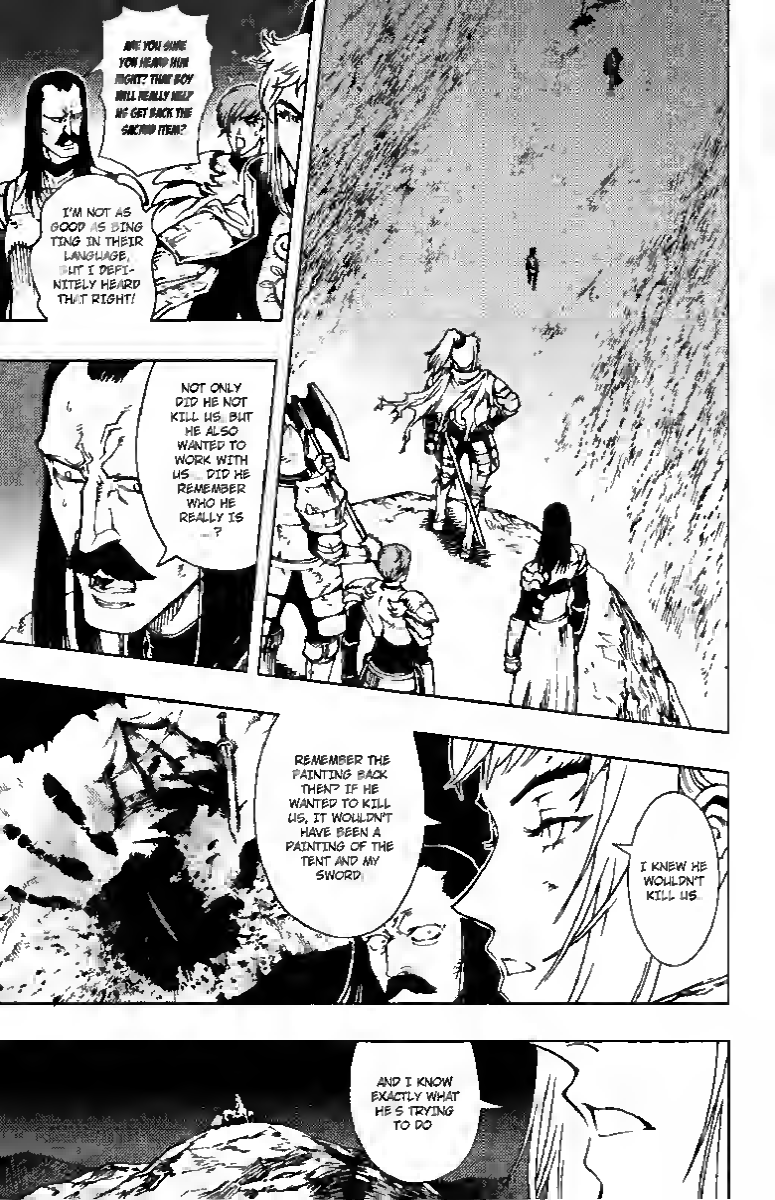
ARE YOU SURE YOU HEARD HIM RIGHT? THAT BOY WILL REALLY HELP US GET BACK THE SACRED ITEM?
I'M NOT AS GOOD AS DING TING IN THEIR LANGUAGE, BUT I DEFINITELY HEARD THAT RIGHT!
NOT ONLY DID HE NOT KILL US, BUT HE ALSO WANTED TO WORK WITH US... DID HE REMEMBER WHO HE REALLY IS...?
REMEMBER THE PAINTING BACK THEN? IF HE WANTED TO KILL US, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PAINTING OF THE TENT AND MY SWORD.
I KNEW HE WOULDN'T KILL US.
AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CHANGED HIS MIND, ANN?
THAT'S RIGHT SMART GIRL
BUT...
HE WILL NEVER LISTEN TO THE WISDOM OF HIS ELDERS.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
MR. SECRETARY OF WAR, DID YOU READ ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE HOST OF THE SACRED ITEM DIES?
I KNEW YOU'D SHOW UP, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO PLOT WITH THE FOREIGNERS FOR A TREASURE OF THE TANGUT

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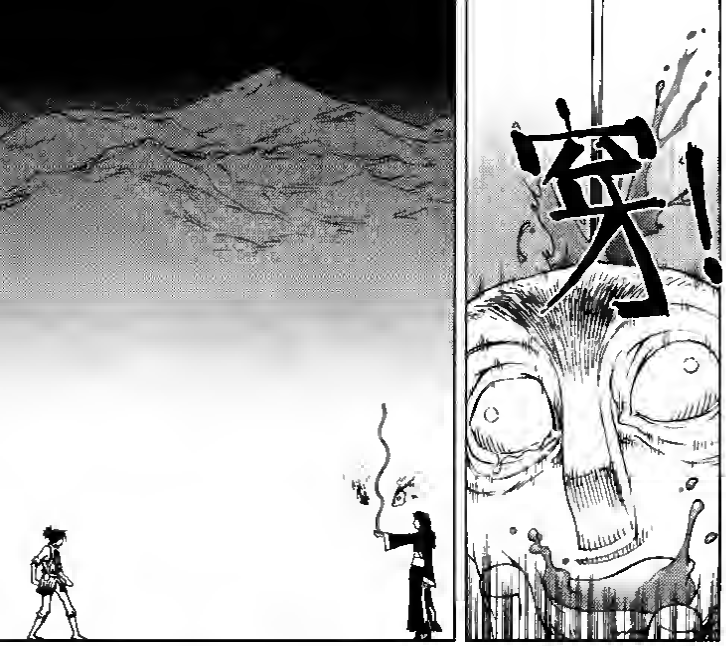
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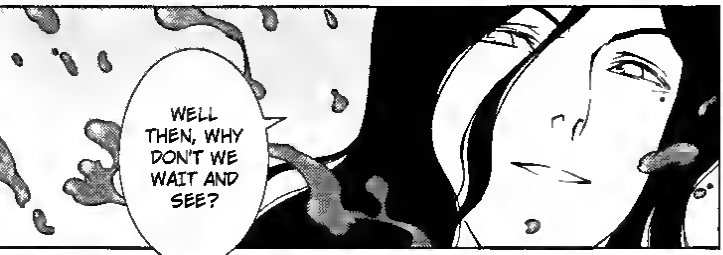
WELL THEN, WHY DON'T WE WAIT AND SEE?

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WHAT THE HELL?
THUMP
SINCE YOU WOULDN'T LET ME HAVE IT

I'LL JUST GIVE IT TO YOU. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

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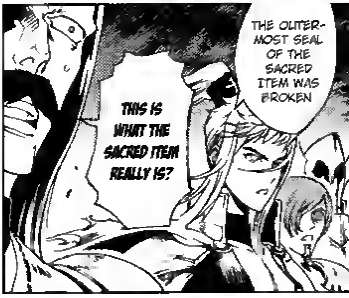
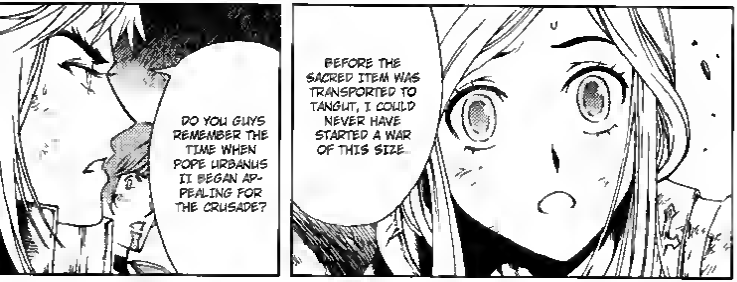

THE OUTER-MOST SEAL OF THE SACRED ITEM WAS BROKEN
THIS IS WHAT THE SACRED ITEM REALLY IS?

SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT

THIS IS ONLY ONE FORM OF IT.

WELL, NOT EXACTLY
BUT EVERYTHING'S BEEN GOING ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU DO YOU'RE THE MAIN PROTAGONIST AFTER ALL. HOW COULD I KNOW MORE THAN YOU DO?

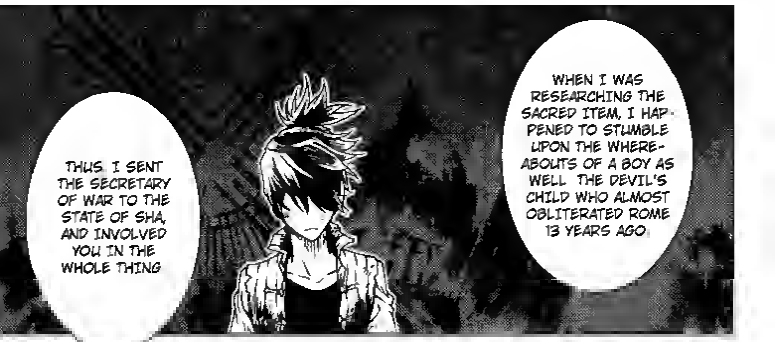

DO YOU GUYS REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN POPE URBANUS II BEGAN APPEALING FOR THE CRUSADE?
BEFORE THE SACRED ITEM WAS TRANSPORTED TO TANGUT, I COULD NEVER HAVE STARTED A WAR OF THIS SIZE.

MARQUISE OF COURSE WE REMEMBER
EXCEPT THE WHOLE ARGUMENT ABOUT VINDICATING RELIGION WAS A LIE. THE REAL GOAL OF THE ROMAN CHURCH WAS
IT WASN'T AN EASY CONQUEST, HOWEVER. IT TOOK US 2 YEARS TO CAPTURE JERUSALEM.
TO ENFORCE RELIGION WITH VIOLENCE, TO EXPEL THE HERETICS AND RECOVER JERUSALEM.

HOW COULD IT...
IT WOULD TAKE HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE EVEN IF YOU DEPLOY ALL THE TROOPS IN EUROPE!
WHAT!?
...TO OCCUPY THE ENTIRE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND PERSIA WITHIN 4 MONTHS!
SIGH
IT IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE CHURCH WAS WILLING TO LEND THEM THEIR SACRED ITEM.
THE SACRED ITEM WAS IN THE CHURCH?
WASN'T IT HIDDEN AWAY HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO BY OUR ANCESTORS SOMEWHERE IN THE HOLY CITY?

THAT'S ALL A LIE.
WITH THE SACRED ITEM, IT WOULD BE AN EASY FEAT.

OF COURSE TROUBLE AROSE THE SACRED ITEM WAS STOLEN BY THE ARABS WHEN IT REACHED CONSTANTINOPLE
THEN WHY DIDN'T THEY USE IT AGAINST US?
BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACTIVATE IT, THEY ALSO FEARED LOSING IT AGAIN TO US SO THEY TRANSPORTED IT AWAY
TO TANGUT.


WHEN I WAS RESEARCHING THE SACRED ITEM, I HAPPENED TO STUMBLE UPON THE WHEREABOUTS OF A BOY AS WELL THE DEVIL'S CHILD WHO ALMOST OBLITERATED ROME 13 YEARS AGO
THUS, I SENT THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO THE STATE OF SHA, AND INVOLVED YOU IN THE WHOLE THING

AND THEN, YOU ACTIVATED THE SACRED ITEM IN FRONT OF ME!

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AHHHHH!!!

THE SACRED ITEM WILL ABSORB THE SOULS OF EVERY LIVING THING HERE

THEN, IT WILL RELOCATE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. AND IT WILL CONTINUE DOING THIS UNTIL ALL OF EARTH BECOMES BARREN

YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT THE SACRED ITEM FUNCTIONS THROUGH THE TWO CORES INSIDE. RATHER THAN WANTING TO OBTAIN THE SACRED ITEM, YOU ONLY WANTED ME TO GET THE TWO CORES FOR YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE, NOW, DO YOU? FIRST YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN GRAVE DANGER
SECOND, THE CORES - TWO LOST HEARTS - NEED YOUR RESCUE AS WELL. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO WATCH THEM TURN INTO THE DEVIL'S MESSENGERS, DO YOU!?
I'VE KNOWN ALL ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
YOU'RE LUCKY. IF THIS WAS 10 YEARS AGO...
WHAT AN IDIOT. HE'S MOVING FORWARD EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS HE'S BEING USED
YOU WOULD HAVE DIED IN MY PAINTINGS

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU HIDING HIM FOR 10 YEARS, WE WOULD'VE FOUND HIM LONG AGO
YOUR KING SURE IS A GREEDY GUY. HE WANTS BOTH THE SACRED ITEM AND MY PUPIL.
THOSE ARABS COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACTIVATE THE SACRED ITEM FOR THE LIVES OF THEM. BUT YOU A TANGUT KNEW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT IT.
THE CHURCH HAS KEPT MANY SECRETS FROM US
STOP PLAYING DUMB WITH ME. I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND LATIN.

I LIKE TALKING WITH SMART PEOPLE
SEEMS LIKE ALL THREE OF US HAVE THE SAME END GOAL
DON'T MENTION MY NAME IN THE SAME SENTENCE AS YOURS! I'M NOT PART OF YOUR DIRTY BUSINESS!
IN THAT CASE... LET'S SEE WHO'S STILL STANDING BY THE TIME THE BOY GETS THE TWO CORES OF THE SACRED ITEM!

WAAAH
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT I'D DIE A HORRENDOUS DEATH IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLEFIELD
I'M GONNA DIE, I'M GONNA DIE!

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WHAT HAP-PENED?
. . . . .

HIS HAND... CAN DO THAT!?
THANK YOU SO MUCH! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE SAVED ME!
THEY'RE... STILL NOT DEAD!
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TAO HA! THEY'RE COMING!

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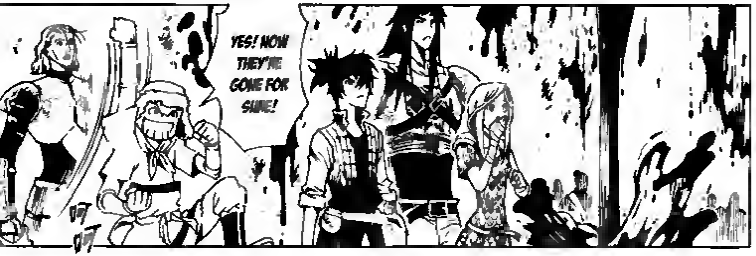
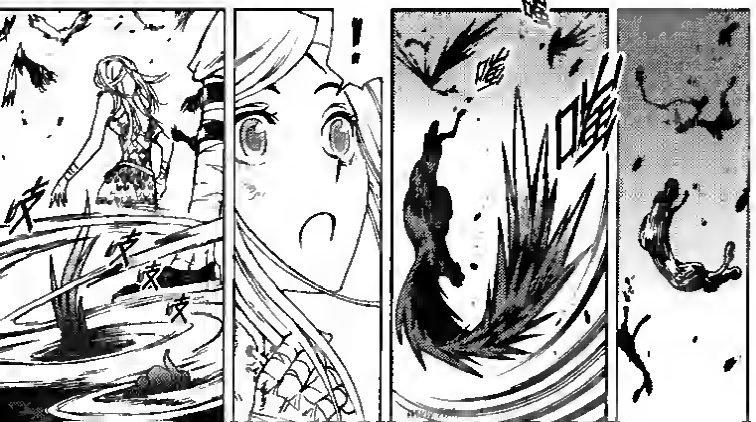

YES! NOW THEY'RE GONE FOR SURE!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IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT! I GOTTA GO. BYE!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS FALLING DOWN THE CLIFF WHEN I FIRST SAW YOUR ARM. I GUESS THAT JUST PROVES MY MISTRESS' POINT.
MY MISTRESS SAID TO RUN LIKE HELL IF EVER I SEE THAT TATTOO, BECAUSE IT'S NOT A SYMBOL OF GOOD.
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL HOLDING MY HAND?

BECAUSE I'M THE SAME AS YOU.
YOU'RE NOT AN ANGEL AT ALL. YOUR BRILLIANT SMILES ARE ALL A LIE.
I SEE FEAR BEHIND YOUR SMILE
YOU SHOULDER UNIMAGINABLE BURDENS FROM YOUR PAST. YOUR HEART IS FILLED WITH UNCERTAINTY AND HELPLESS-NESS

I WAS JUST LIKE YOU.
I CAN TELL FROM YOUR EYES.
YOU'VE WRONGED PEOPLE. YOU'VE HURT PEOPLE. YOU BERATE YOURSELF EVERYDAY FOR IT.
WOOOWaaa

We both know what the problem is, but we have no solution. We feel that life is unfair to us.
But what matters the most is not our fate or destiny!
It's our will!
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AHH!
THIS... THIS IS...

HUNDREDS OF THOU-SANDS OF LIVES WERE LOST FOR THIS.
BUT IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT! IT'S THE OTHERS' GREED FOR POWER!

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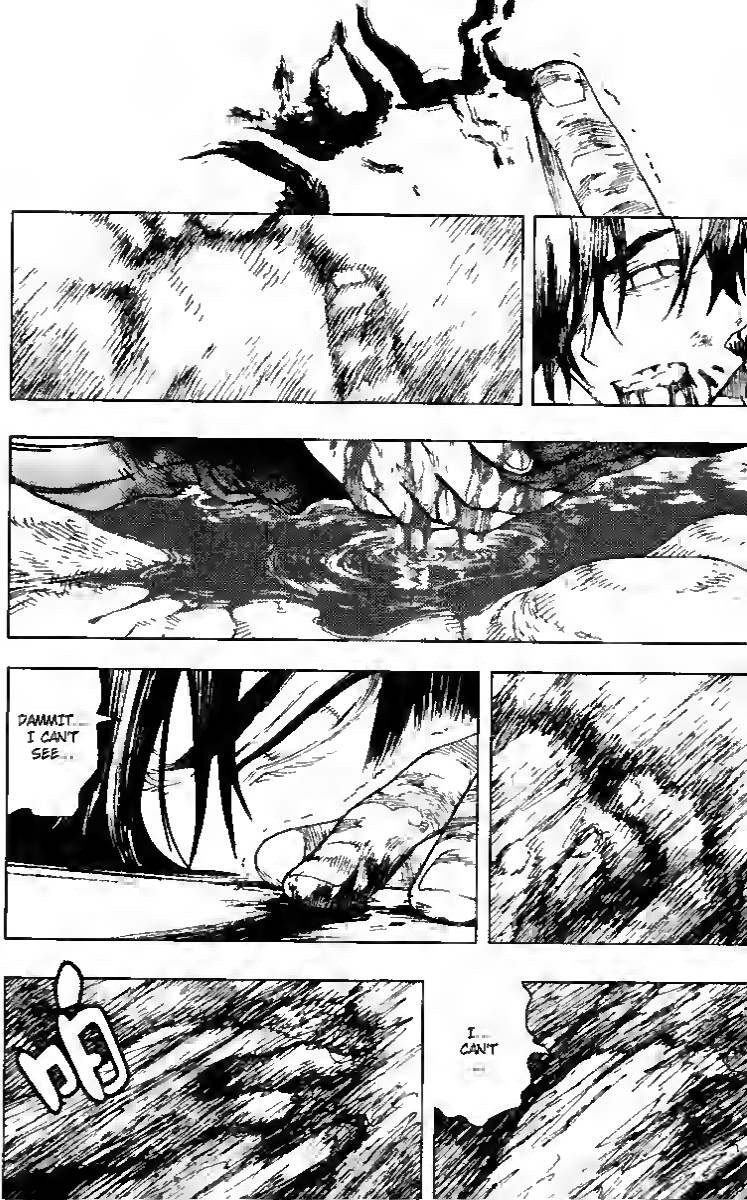
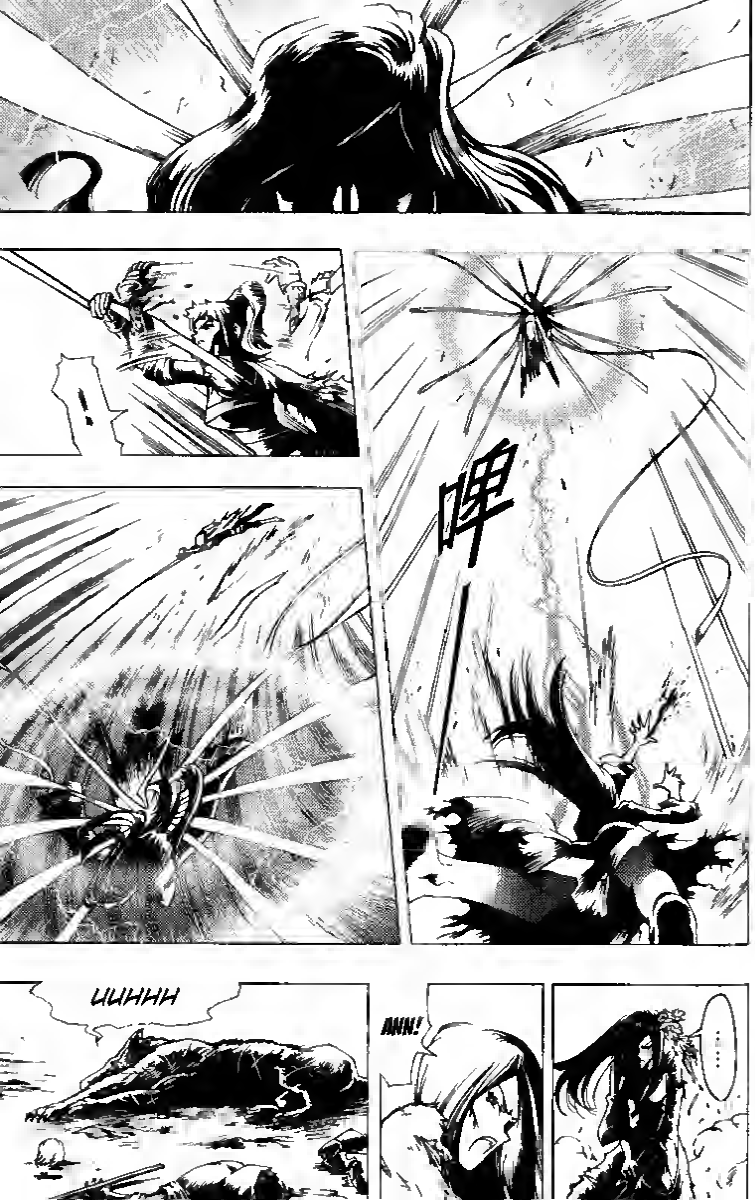
I'M... SO CLOSE... I CAN'T...


DAMMIT... I CAN'T SEE...
I... CAN'T

DON'T FORGET I'M A WAR ILLUSTRATOR TOO!
LET'S ...
FINISH
TOGETHER!
THIS DRAWING...

TAO HUI, WHACHU LOOKING AT?

AH, DANDELION SEEDS.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IT'S SO BRIGHT! WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'RE ... LIGHT-FEARING ...?
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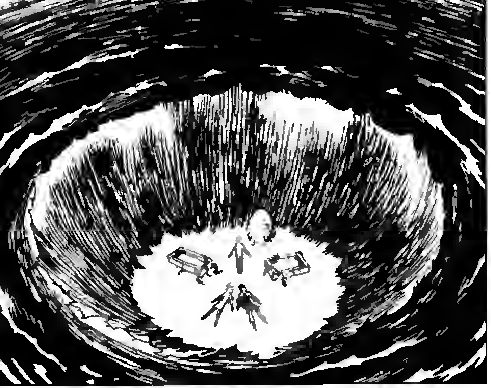
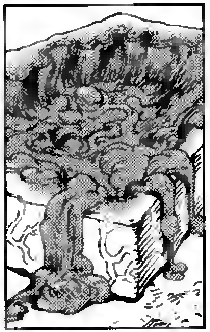
THE HOLY ITEM! IT'S EXPLODED!

THE WIND BLOWS THEM AWAY TO ALL CORNERS OF THIS WORLD.
WHEN THEY FIND A PLACE THEY WANT TO BE, THEY'LL SETTLE DOWN HOW NICE!
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, IT REALLY DOES SOUND NICE. DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE THEM?





THEN YOU'LL BE A YELLOW DANDELION!
BUT WHO'S THIS CHICK? WHY'S SHE LYING BESIDE YOU?
GET LOST!
GET LOST!
KILL
KILL
IT REALLY IS YOU, TIO HII! YOU'VE GROWN SO BIG! AND YOU'RE STILL SO HANDSOME!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED! STILL SO DESTRUCTIVE, HM? JUST LOOK AT THIS MESS!

I'M SO SORRY. WE MEET AGAIN. YOU SAVE US AGAIN, AND YOU GET HURT AGAIN.
WOAH. YOU'RE HURT! I RAMBLED ON AND ON AND DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE!
NOW'S MY TURN.
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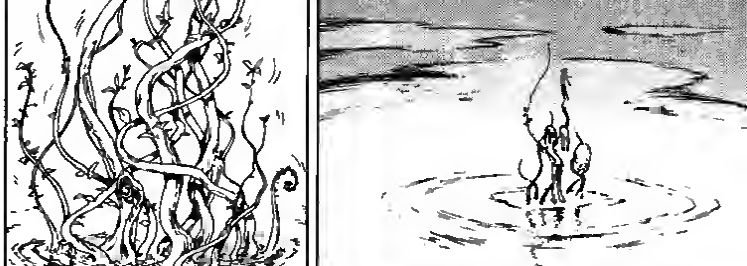
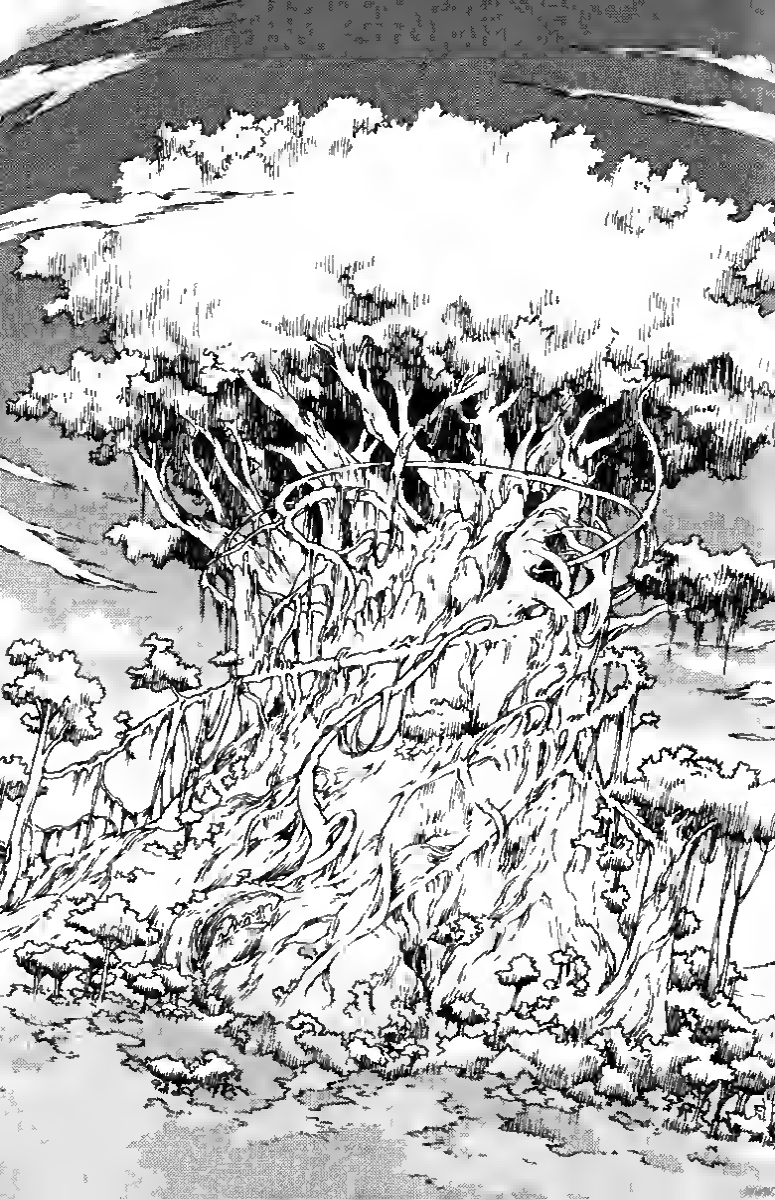
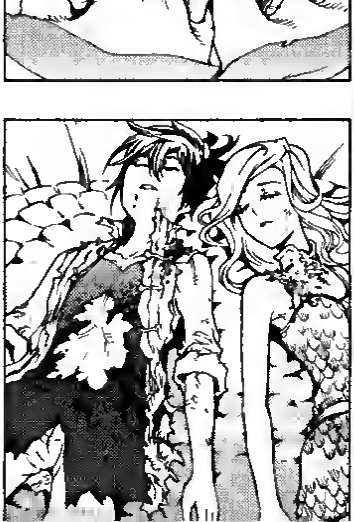
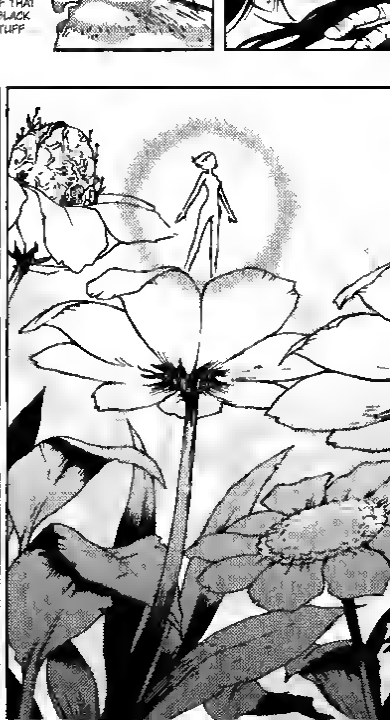




OH NO... I GULPED DOWN A LOT OF THAT BLACK STUFF

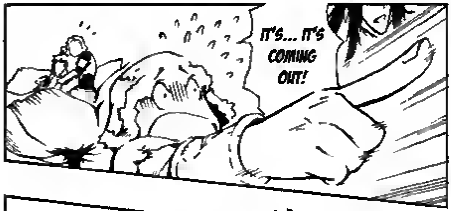




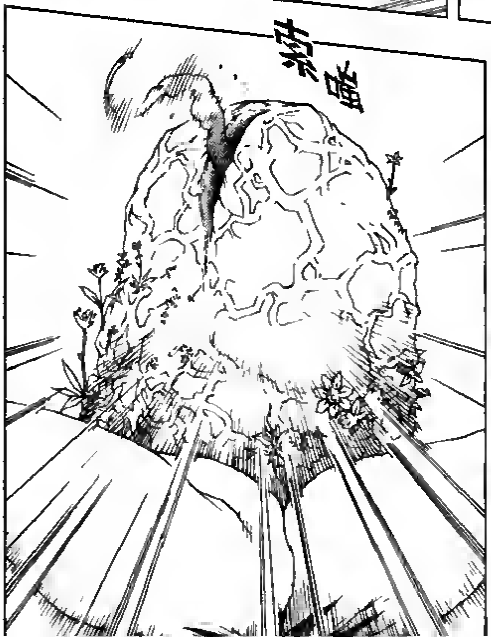
HEY! AMADIS, HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON SLEEPING? WAKE UP!
PLOP
SHE FELL DOWN! WHO IS SHE? WHY ISN'T SHE WEARING ANYTHING?
ONE GUY... TWO GIRLS
IT'S TWO HOT!

ARE YOU OKAY?

MIK-QUISE !?


IT'S... IT'S COMING OUT!

YOUR LEFT ARM IS BADLY HURT!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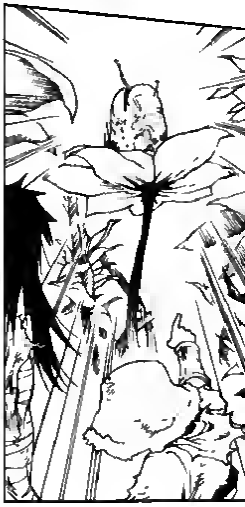

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PERFECT.
THE THREE TREASURES OF THE CHURCH ARE ALL WITHIN MY HANDS

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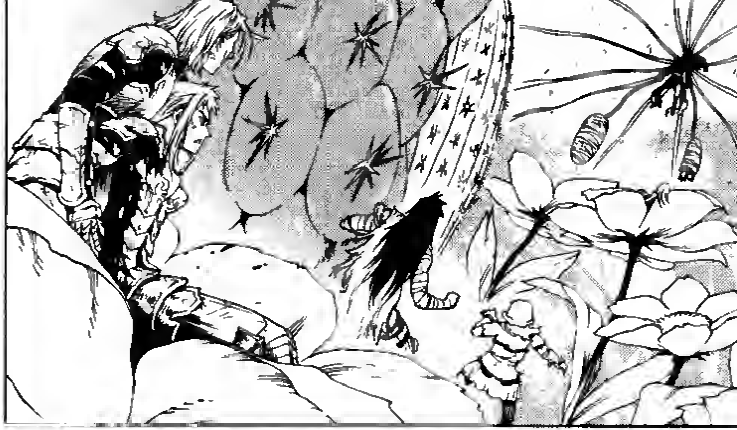

A SACRIFICE OF ALMOST 100,000 MEN...
WITH 90,000 CRUISADERS, 5,000 TANGUT WARRIORS, AND 2,000 OF MY IRON HAWKS
ALL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CAPTURING THESE THREE CHILDREN
?

THIS SMELL...

HOW I DO IT ISN'T IMPORTANT.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THE END RESULT!
THE WINNER ISN'T ME, BUT MY LORD THE KING!
YAHHH!
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DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TEAR THROUGH THIS CLOTH?
EAT THIS!

AND YET YOU HAVE THE AUDACITY TO CLAIM LOYALTY TO THE KING!
IT'S NO USE YOU'RE AFTER TAO HUI FOR YOURSELF CORRECT?
WHAT!?
YOU'RE MISTAKEN. I'M NOT CLAIMING ANYTHING FOR MYSELF. I'M ONLY STALLING FOR TIME
LET'S SEE WHAT GOOD YOU'LL BE AFTER I RIP APART YOUR ARMS!

I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU. I CAN'T EVEN DREAM OF TAKING THEM FROM YOUR HANDS
I WAS WAITING FOR TAO HUI TO WAKE UP SO HE COULD SAVE HIMSELF
KEI LIE!
HEH... THIS REMINDS ME OF THAT TIME WHEN WE WERE LITTLE

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TAO HIM!

CAPTAIN KEI LIE!
DON'T SWEAT IT

CHILD OF ROME!

WHERE'S MY BROTHER!? WHERE DID YOU HIDE HIM!?
CAREFUL! THIS MIGHT BE A TRAP! DON'T STICK YOUR HEAD OUT!
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU "THE UNTOUCHABLE WAR PAINTER". NOW I'VE SEEN YOUR SKILLS WITH MY OWN EYES.
NO! MY BROTHER ISN'T DEAD! HIS NAME IS WOLFGANG BELFE!
YOUR BROTHER? DIDN'T YOUR WHOLE FAMILY DIE IN FRONT OF YOU? I'M NOT ONE TO COLLECT DEAD BODIES, GIRL
?
!
WHAT !?
BELFE?
DON'T TELL ME ...

HOLD ON! WHERE IS MY BROTHER!?
……
WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? KILL HIM!
TAO HII, HE'S GETTING AWAY! USE YOUR LEFT HAND, MAN!
BRO-THER
I WON'T KILL.
NOT ANY-MORE. NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES!
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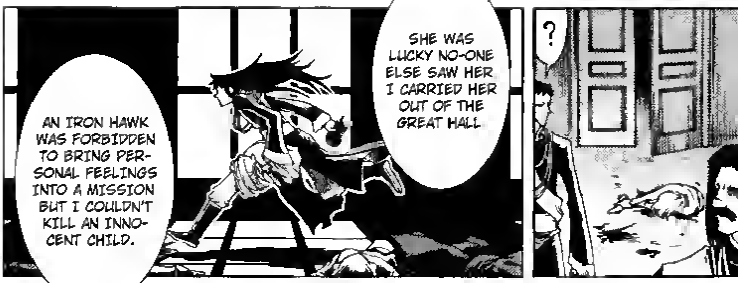
NO…

I WAS ONCE AN IRON HAWK
DURING ONE EXPEDITION, WE WERE TO KILL EVERYONE THAT MIGHT HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH OUR TARGET.
I REMEMBER... I WAS STANDING IN A GREAT HALL, THINKING WE'D GOTTEN EVERYONE...
THAT'S WHEN THE DOOR BESIDE ME OPENED...

...AND A GIRL WALKED IN. SHE CALLED OUT SOMETHING, AND I CLOSED HER MOUTH IMMEDIATELY SO SHE WOULDN'T MAKE ANY MORE SOUND.


AN IRON HAWK WAS FORBIDDEN TO BRING PERSONAL FEELINGS INTO A MISSION BUT I COULDN'T KILL AN INNOCENT CHILD.
SHE WAS LUCKY NO-ONE ELSE SAW HER I CARRIED HER OUT OF THE GREAT HALL
?

SO I LEFT HER IN THE CEMETERY OUT IN THE BACK, HOPING FOR HER TO ESCAPE DEATH

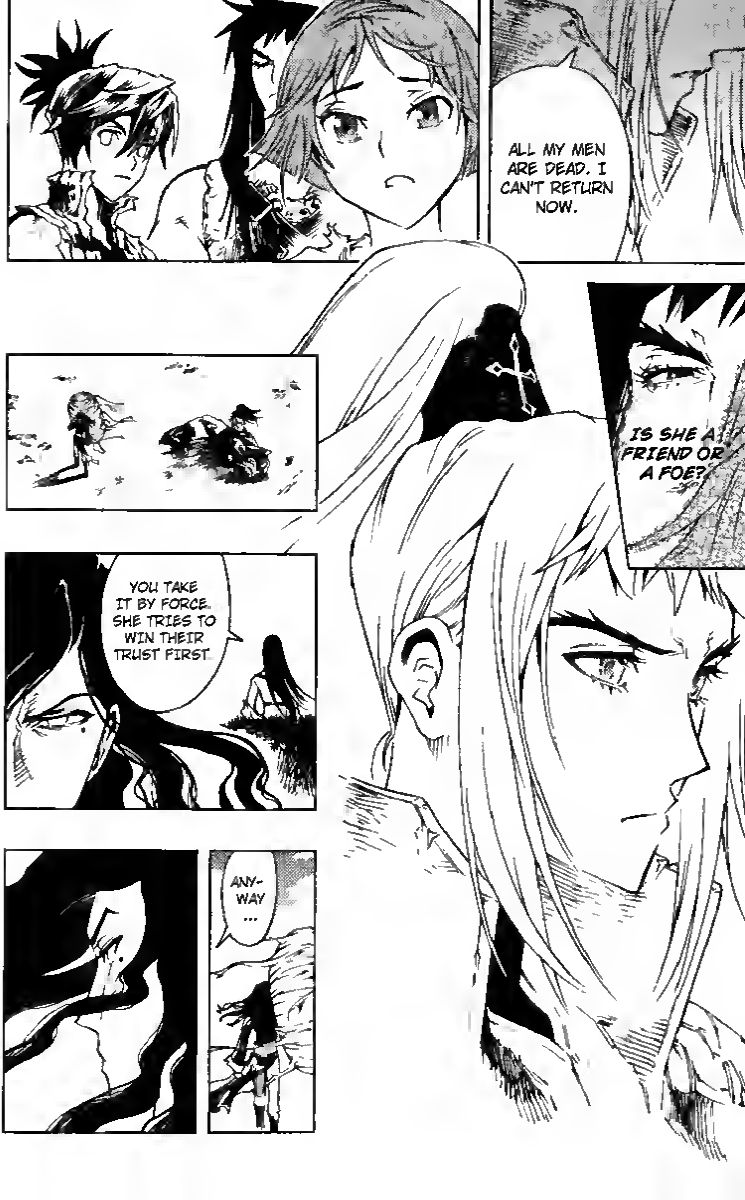
DEVIL! YOU DEVIL! YOU KILLED MY FAMILY AND TOOK AWAY MY BROTHER!
WHAT DID THE BELFE FAMILY EVER DO TO THE IRON HAWKS? HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO CRUEL!
GIVE ME BACK MY BROTHER!
WE SENT HIM TO YUQING, THE CAPITAL OF TANGUT. I RESIGNED MY POSITION AS AN IRON HAWK SOON AFTER SO I CAN'T TELL YOU ANY MORE THAN THAT
I'M OKAY. HOW CAN YOU ASK ME NOT TO TALK AFTER FINALLY SEEING YOU AGAIN?
FEI LUMEI, YOU'VE EXHAUSTED YOURSELF. STAY DOWN. DON'T TALK
TAO HUI...

I'M SORRY AMADIS WAS TAKEN AWAY
I AM NOT WORRIED I BELIEVE IN YOU, YELLOW DANDELION
YOU WILL LEAD US TO SAFETY!
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME JUST NOW, CAPTAIN.
CALL ME KEI LIE... YOU'VE SAVED ME BEFORE TOO
HEY, HUGH! YOU! LET GO OF ME!
HERE.
AND THAT WOMAN AS WELL...

THAT'S TOO BAD. EVEN IF WE DON'T MOVE, YOUR BELOVED PUPIL WILL WALK RIGHT THROUGH OUR DOOR.
RELAX. I'VE NO INTEREST IN THAT COCOON ON YOUR BACK. AS LONG AS YOUR "KING" LEAVES MY PUPIL ALONE, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO.
"GOTTEN" !?
THE CHURCH WON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT. THEY'VE ALREADY "GOTTEN" TWO, AFTER ALL.
WHAT!?
YOU PLANNED YOUR 100,000 SACRIFICE FOR THE THREE CHILDREN FROM THE BEGINNING, DIDN'T YOU? IT'S THE SAME WITH THAT WOMAN. ONLY SHE'S SMARTER THAN YOU.

HOH, LATIN
Thank you
I'VE REMEMBERED... EVERYTHING I DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER
THAT'S GREAT. HIS WOUNDS ARE HEALED!
I'M ALSO HURT. DO YOU MIND
THE BOTTLE SHE THREW TOWARDS ME CONTAINED SOMETHING THAT WAKES PEOPLE UP FROM UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

WHATEVER IT IS, I'VE SMELLED IT BEFORE.
SHE WANTED ME TO WAKE TAO HUI WITH IT.
POP
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT WERE THE CHANCES THAT BOTH TAO HUI AND I WOULD WAKE UP RIGHT WHEN SHE WAS PROTECTING SHA FROM MARAUDERS OF WEST LIAO? SHE MUST HAVE STAGED THE WHOLE THING.
I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF MY TROOPS. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BRING THE TWO OF YOU BACK ALONE?
I'M STILL HERE, MARQUISE
BESIDES
THAT WOMAN...
WE'RE NOT GOING BACK TO ROME WITH YOU, SO DON'T EVEN TRY!


ALL MY MEN ARE DEAD. I CAN'T RETURN NOW.
IS SHE A FRIEND OR A FOE?
YOU TAKE IT BY FORCE. SHE TRIES TO WIN THEIR TRUST FIRST.
ANY-WAY ...

SAY HI TO FATHER FOR ME.
WAHHH!

I... I HAVE TO SAVE MY BROTHER
HOW DO YOU PLAN ON GETTING TO YUQING ALL ALONE?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR FAMILY'S INVOLVED IN SOMETHING SERIOUS
YOU CAN'T BE WALKING AROUND EXHIBITING THAT MARK
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU MEET YOUR BROTHER
AS IT TURNS OUT, WE DON'T JUST SHARE THE SAME EYES WE ALSO HAVE THE SAME GOAL

YOU'RE GOING THERE FOR YOUR BROTHER, AND I FOR MY FRIEND.
LET'S GET THEM TO-GETHER!

TAO HUI
WHERE ARE YOU?
OY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
I GREW UP IN YUQING I KNOW MY WAY AROUND THERE
LET ME BE YOUR GUIDE!
THANK YOU!

YES
OKAY
TAO HUI, YOU NEED TO PROTECT ME!
MY ANGEL PLEASE ALLOW ME TO PROTECT YOU ALONG THE WAY...
THANK YOU FAGO
EVEN THOUGH THE HOLY ITEM'S ALREADY GONE, I STILL SCORED SOMETHING PRECIOUS. I BET I CAN GET A DECENT PRICE ON THIS THING!
WE'RE NOT EXACTLY GOING TO GET RICH, SO...
HA! YOU MUST BE JOKING! I AM EXTREMELY LOYAL TO MY FRIENDS! I COULD NEVER ALLOW YOU TO WALK INTO DANGER ALONE!
XIAO HUI
THE ONLY THING THAT CAN CHANGE HIM...
HE NEVER LISTENS TO HIS ELDERS, DOES HE, ANN?

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Akiyama Mio
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